

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

**Applicant:** Buchanan, et al.

**Serial No.:** 10/814,760

**Examiner:** Suchira Pande

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**Group Art Unit:** 1637

**Title:** CRH AND POMC EFFECTS ON ANIMAL GROWTH

**Atty Docket:** 56550.3

**TO:** Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
USA

Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE and AMENDMENT**

In response to the RESTRICTION AND/OR ELECTION REQUIREMENT dated September 5, 2006, applicant elects with traverse the claims of Group I (claims 1-24 and 27-31) and the claims of species a (claims 1-8, 25, 27, 31 in part, and 32-35), for prosecution on the merits. This election is made without prejudice to adding additional claims to inventions or species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all of the limitations of an allowed generic claim, and to filing a divisional application at a later date directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.